

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CECIL J. DELANGE

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commend the honorable Park County Commissioner, Cecil J. DeLange, on a job well done. Mr. DeLange has been the Park County Commissioner since 1998. He was concerned with issues such as finance and personnel within the local government. In December, Mr. DeLange will conclude his service as a County Commissioner.

Mr. DeLange, before becoming commissioner, spent three decades with the John Deere Corp. in Illinois and Iowa. Upon moving to Colorado, he started a consulting business and was quite active in the Home Owners Association. Mr. DeLange's knowledge of business and agriculture has helped him guide Park County.

Mr. DeLange, through his public service, has made Park County a better place to live and for that Colorado is thankful.

Thanks for your hard work, Cecil. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

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TRIBUTE TO VERONICA BARELA

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the splendid efforts and notable accomplishments of an extraordinary woman in the 1st Congressional District of Colorado. It is both fitting and proper that we recognize this community leader for her exceptional record of civic leadership and invaluable service. It is to commend this outstanding citizen that I rise to honor Veronica Barela.

Veronica Barela has made a tremendous impact on our community and has an impressive record of civic involvement. Ms. Barela has served as the Director of the NEWSED Community Development Corporation, since 1978. She is recognized for her skills in community based economic development, community organizing, housing development, civic event management, development of successful arts and culture initiatives, and civic rights work. Her leadership has been the catalyst for the revitalization of Santa Fe Drive in Denver. Her efforts through NEWSED have attracted one hundred and eighty new businesses to Santa Fe Drive and near Westside Neighborhood and, in addition, she has developed two shopping plazas and one mini center for the community. These business development successes have generated over 3,000 jobs for the immediate community. Ms. Barela's efforts have been nationally recognized and NEWSED has developed national standing as a model Community Development Corporation.

Veronica Barela has also made great contributions to the cultural life of our community. Through her leadership, the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in Denver has grown to be the largest outdoor Cinco de Mayo celebration in the United States. Her broad range of activities and interests has been a great service to our city as well. She has served as the Chairperson of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Board and served as Co-Chair of the Human Service and Education Committee for Denver's Comprehensive Plan 2000. She was President of Hispanics of Colorado and co-chaired the People of Color Coalition. Ms. Barela was appointed to the Consumer Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Board in Washington DC and served in various capacities on the National Community Reinvestment Coalition Board. Other board memberships include Servicios de La Raza, the American Civil Liberties Union, Denver's Urban Economic Development Corporation and the Hispanic Advisory Council for both Mayors Pena and Webb.

Her commitment and service has earned her several awards in including the Outstanding Women's Award from Metropolitan State College. Mayor Wellington Webb declared June 26, 1992, "Veronica Barela Day" in the City and County of Denver for her long standing work in civil rights, economic development and community organizing.

Please join me in commending Veronica Barela. It is the strong leadership she exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans. Her life serves as an example to which we should all aspire.

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IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH HENRY SKILES

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding citizen and community leader from the Fourth District of Texas—the late Joseph Henry Skiles, Jr., of Sanger, TX, who passed away earlier this year at the young age of 56.

Mr. Skiles was president of Tenstrike Oil and Gas and advisory director of Guaranty National Bank of Sanger. He was a member of the Sanger Lions Club and the Public Library Board and was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Denton.

Mr. Skiles was born on November 4, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Joseph Henry Skiles, Sr., and Kathleen Clayton Skiles. A graduate of Denton High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1965 from Southern Methodist University and a jurisprudence degree in 1968 from Harvard University School of Law. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Skiles is preceded in death by his wife Kathleen Dolan Skiles. He is survived by his

son, Clayton Dolan Skiles and daughter, Claire Elizabeth Blanche Skiles, and many other family members and friends. He was an integral part of his community and will be sorely missed. So as we adjourn today, let us do so in memory of Joseph Henry Skiles, Jr.

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HONORING MYRON MYLES KRONKRIGHT

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I take this moment to recognize the accomplished life of Myron Myles Kronkright. Mike, as he was known, recently passed on at age 77. Mike was a cherished person among the Grand Junction community and he will be greatly missed.

Mike committed nearly half of his adult life helping the children of Grand Junction, Colorado. For over four decades he officiated football, basketball, baseball and softball throughout the valley. He helped to establish the Football and Basketball Officials Association for Colorado as well as served on the Grand Junction Park and Recreation Advisory Board. His commitment to helping children and the sports community was recognized when he was presented the Lloyd McMillian Award and when a softball complex was named in his honor.

Mike went to great lengths to help others, donating a great deal of time and effort to help the children of his community understand the importance of team sports. He helped Colorado by giving them an association where other individuals could learn the importance of helping children appreciate fair play in athletics. He may be gone, but memories like these will live on in the hearts of all that knew him.

Mike Kronkright was a truly great Coloradan that was extremely committed not only to bettering children's lives through team sports, but also giving back to his community. He had an immense impact upon the community of Grand Junction that will not soon be forgotten.

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TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE GRANADO

**HON. DIANA DeGETTE**

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Lorraine Granado has been on the frontlines of progress in Denver for decades. She has been an organizer and powerful advocate in work she describes as "real life stuff." Throughout her life, Ms. Granado has promoted the well being of all people, including Latinos. As an organizer, she describes herself as "a person who works with people who have a real need, a willingness to do something about it, and a passion for social justice."

Presently, she is the Executive Director of the Cross-Community Coalition in the Globeville, Swansea and Elyria neighborhoods in Denver. People in these communities have weathered tremendous change over the years and through Ms. Granado's efforts, they are able to better address issues related to economic empowerment and environmental justice because of her common sense approach to problem solving. Through her leadership, the Cross Community Coalition continues to bring tangible benefits to disadvantaged people through their Family Resource Center which offers job training and placement, various social services, and after school programs.

Lorraine Granado has helped build a number of organizations through her work in board development, non-profit management, media relations, leadership development, advocacy, teaching organizing techniques, and public policy participation. She has served as an organizing member of various organizations including: the Colorado Women's Lobby; the Elyria/Swansea Economic Development Corporation; Hispanics of Colorado; the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign; the Better Jobs for Women Project; the Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network; People of Color Consortium Against AIDS; and the Colorado Coalition for Full Employment Project. Her accomplishments include: helping to re-write Denver's Industrial Zoning Code to include residential buffer zones; working with members of the National Chemical Manufacturers Association to develop guidance for community outreach; helping stop the placement of a regional medical waste incinerator in the community; developing a conference with the Environmental Protection Agency to address Brownfields issues and explore ways in which community members, developers and government can work together to redevelop communities.

It comes as no surprise that Lorraine Granado received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award because of her beliefs, values, philosophy and determination to forward non-violence as a means of achieving peace and justice.

Please join me in commending Lorraine Granado. It is the strong leadership that she exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for all Americans. Her life serves as an example to which we should all aspire.

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#### CELEBRATING THE 93D BIRTHDAY OF DON LEGG

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 7, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of an exemplary citizen of the

Fourth District of Texas, Don Legg of Mabank, TX, who celebrated his ninety-third birthday this year. Retirement seems never to have been an option for Don, as he continues to serve as the "glue" that holds together the staff of The Monitor, the local Mabank newspaper. The staff of the newspaper wrote a moving tribute to Don on the occasion of his birthday, some of which I would like to recount for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

No one seems to know exactly how many years Don has worked for the newspaper, but each Wednesday and Friday he still reports to work for a final proofing of the newspaper and continues to hold his title as primary reporter for the Kemp community and its schools. He is an avid fan of the Kemp Yellow Jackets and reports on any and all sporting events in which the school competes.

Two years ago Don suffered a stroke. While in the hospital, recuperating from the stroke which left his speech impaired but his mind still sharp and his desire for writing intact, he continued to work on stories and to cover events and meetings with the help of his wife, Mary, and a number of devoted friends.

According to the newspaper tribute, Don always has a smile and a joke to share with co-workers. He has taught young reporters the art of "reporting," and they have learned from his extensive knowledge and experience. As the staff said, "The office just wouldn't be the same without him." And the same could be said of his beloved community. "It just wouldn't be the same without him."

So, Mr. Speaker, as we adjourn today, let us do so in honor of Don Legg, who at the age of 93 may be a "senior citizen"—but also is still an "active citizen." Happy Birthday, Don!

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#### HONORING JULIUS DAMMANN

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like moment to celebrate the life of Julius "Bud" Dammann of Pueblo, Colorado. Sadly, Bud died earlier this month. While friends and family mourn his passing, I would like to take this opportunity to remember Mr. Dammann's distinguished life.

Mr. Dammann was a caring person who constantly did what he could to improve his community, whether that was supporting the local 4-H Club or ensuring his employees were being treated as well as they should be. Mr. Dammann owned and operated Industrial Gas Products and Supply in Pueblo for over five decades. His commitment to ensuring a quality-working environment earned him a distinguished reputation as a businessman.

Being from a small town, Bud used sports as a way to further his education. His athletic ability enabled him to enroll in Colorado Agricultural College where he received honorable mention All-American honors for football. After receiving his education, he returned to Pueblo where he was drafted into World War II. After returning a proud war veteran, he began his successful local business for which he is widely known.

His desire to help his community started when he took over his family's grocery busi-

ness. A native of Pueblo, Bud understood the area and realized the importance of education and giving back to his community. This desire to better his community was eminently apparent in his involvement in the Masonic Lodge, the Al Kaly Shriners, the Elks Club and as an original member of the 30 Club, an organization that raises charity money for other Pueblo charities. Bud's desire to help young people was evident in his involvement on the University of Southern Colorado Foundation Board and the Pueblo Community College vocational board.

Julius "Bud" Dammann cared a great deal about his community and his fellow man. He did everything in his power to ensure Pueblo was a better community for all its citizens, both young and old. Bud was truly a great Coloradan and he will greatly be missed.

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#### TRIBUTE TO WANDA PADILLA

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Wanda Padilla has best been described as a "dynamo" and she has had a tremendous impact on our community. Ms. Padilla is the woman behind the scenes at La Voz de Colorado, one of our state's most influential Hispanic bilingual newspapers. Known as the Hispanic Voice of Colorado, this Spanish-English newspaper has been published continuously since 1974, and under her leadership, it has matured into a solid weekly newspaper in the Denver area.

Ms. Padilla, who is an Illinois native and graduate of Northwestern University, has been a trailblazer and has built this newspaper business from the ground up. In the beginning, she sold ads, wrote copy, did layouts and billing and distributed the newspaper, all while raising her son Ramon.

La Voz de Colorado fills a real need and it has given the Hispanic Community in the 1st Congressional District a strong political and economic voice. Under Ms. Padilla's leadership as Publisher, the newspaper has experienced tremendous growth and she intends to further expand the newspaper to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic marketplace. The tradition excellence and solid commitment to speaking for Colorado's Hispanics has made La Voz de Colorado a standard bearer for journalistic excellence in the Denver Metro area.

In addition to her work at La Voz de Colorado, Wanda Padilla is active in the oldest Catholic congregation in Denver, Sacred Heart Church. Ms. Padilla also serves as a foster mom for her godchild and his sister. While she admits these duties interrupt her tough schedule, her work with children is a labor "from the heart."

Please join me in commending Wanda Padilla. It is the strong leadership that she exhibits on a daily basis that continually enhances our lives and builds a better future for